

On February 3, 2006, Officers of the Salina Police Department responded to the residence of Dean Endsley based on a phone call to the 911 center that Mr. Endsley had been shot. The first Officers on the scene found Mr. Endsley had been shot 2 times. Mr. Endsley was transported to the Salina Regional Hospital where he was later pronounced dead. Officers and Investigators spoke with witnesses who were at the scene at the time of the homicide and conducted neighborhood canvass. Information learned from this provided a vehicle description and that there were 3 suspects involved in the shooting.

The Salina Police Department Criminal Investigations Bureau took over the case. Investigators followed up on numerous leads provided by helpful citizens of the City of Salina. The leads came in through the Crimestoppers line, phone calls made directly to Investigations and other Officers and through in person contacts.

On February 8, 2006, a break in the case came from a phone call to the Investigations Bureau from a Sergeant with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department. The Sergeant reported that a confidential informant used by Sedgwick County was talking to them about a recent shooting in Salina. The informant was able to provide details of the shooting which had not been previously released. Two Investigators from the Salina Police Department then went to Wichita to meet with this informant.

This single informant provided what was considered to be reliable information. After speaking with the informant, the Wichita Police Department reported that they too had an informant that wanted to provide information on this case. With the information gathered from both informants, an arrest warrant was issued for Brenton Cook, Ronald Ford and Nickolas McQuesten.

With the cooperation of the Citizens of Salina, the confidential informants, the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, the Wichita Police Department, Officers of the Salina Police Department and the Criminal Investigations Bureau, all three suspects were arrested, tried and convicted in connection with the murder of Dean Endsley. In addition a fourth suspect, Tammy Salts, was charged and convicted as well.